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WHEAT

Good Evening, Everybody:

The price of wheat went shooting up again today, and that's bringing joy and gladness to the big grain growing belt of the West. The band is playing happy times are here again. Or at least we hope it is.

December wheat climbed to 63 and a quarter, as compared with yesterday's price of 61 and one-eighth. Let's give three cheers for that. Back in the early part of October it was as low as forty-four and five-eighths.

The Associated Press explains the bullish market in wheat by saying that a rumor is out that Russia is going to withdraw from the world's wheat market for two years. If that is true, it will remove the spectre of Soviet competition.

The Russian wheat crop is said to be not so good this year. However, some authorities express a bit of skepticism, and seem to believe that Russia is not going to withdraw from the grain market, after all. So there you are.

And there's jubilation too in the oil fields of the Southwest today. The price of oil is bubbling up, and much better times are expected.

1 The subject of the five day week
2 and the six hour day is being discussed
3 by a meeting of railroad labor
4 representatives in Washington.

5 Twenty-one organizations of men
6 who work on the railroads, are trying to
7 find ways of improving the condition
8 for the ^{boys}~~men~~ who run the trains and keep
9 the locomotives and the tracks in order.
10 They want to get up a few ideas to
11 present to Congress, and one of the
12 ideas is a five day week, also the six
13 hour day.

14 Some of the representatives,
15 says the Associated Press, think that
16 these are the only means by which the
17 unemployment situation among railroad
18 men can be cured.

DIGEST

Every so often a topic comes along on which we get bits of news on and off for weeks. And then all we need is somebody to take those isolated bits, and make a complete picture.

Well, that's pretty much the case with that famous war in Iowa, - I mean the cow war. We know the farmers have been resisting the application of the State tuberculin law in Iowa.

In this week's Literary Digest there's an article headed "IN THE TRENCHES IN IOWA'S GREAT COW WAR".

1 *It tells us of*
2 ~~For example there was~~ the capture
3 of the McKinnon ^{place} ~~farm~~, in Henry County,
4 Iowa. The embattled farmers were
5 gathered on the farm, determined to
6 resist the attack of the veterinarians.
7 The cow doctors came marching under the
8 escort of ~~the~~ ^a strong force of the State
9 National Guard. Fixed bayonets flashed
10 in the sunlight. The soldiers advanced
11 against the farmers with levelled
12 bayonets. The farmers threw up their
13 hands.

14 And then it was that Henry Connor,
15 the leader of the local insurrection
16 against the cow doctors uttered memorable
17 words, which the Literary Digest quotes
18 from the Des Moines Tribune-Capital--
19 ^{cried Henry,} "SHOOT ME, HANG ME, ARREST ME!" "I AM
20 JUST A FARMER HERE, STANDING FOR MY
21 RIGHTS".

22 *dramatic.* It was all very dramatic. *almost mellow-*

23 And then the Digest ~~xx~~ gives us
24 the thrilling story of ~~the~~ a rescue.
25 A force of fighting farmers stormed the
 jail, at New London, Iowa. The local

1 bastille was in the back of the fire
2 station. ^{The} ~~A~~ crowd of farmers ~~stormed~~
3 ~~swarmed into the fire-station and~~ started
4 climbing over the ~~xxxx~~ fire-engines, to
5 get at the jail part of the establishment.

6 The firemen didn't want their ~~xxxx~~
7 equipment damaged so they pulled the
8 fire-engines out ^{to let} ~~so that~~ the farmers
9 ~~could~~ get by. Then those agriculturists
10 proceeded to break open the prison cells
11 and release a couple of their fellow-
12 insurgents whom the authorities had
13 captured.

14 Pretty soon the State Militia
15 arrived in war-like array and proceeded
16 to disperse the groups of farmers on
17 the streets of the town. The soldiers met
18 their Waterloo when they marched fierce
19 and war-like against a group of
20 school-children and ordered them to
21 disperse.

22 The Literary Digest, quoting the
23 Associated Press, tells us that the bunch
24 of kids just started to laugh. They
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laughed their heads off at the soldiers of the State.

The warriors of the militia turned out to be good sports and laughed too. And so the dramatic jail delivery at New London, Iowa, ended in a gale of merriment.

1 The row~~x~~ in Washington,
2 centering around the United States Navy,
3 ^{seems to be} ~~is~~ getting more complicated all the time.
4 A new battle of words broke out today
5 when Secretary of the Navy Adams made
6 a lively attack on the World Peace
7 Foundation. ~~And that does make things~~
8 ~~quite a bit more intricate.~~

9 President Hoover is having a
10 scrap with the Navy League, because that
11 ^{civilian body} ~~Navy League~~ is agitating for a big
12 navy. And now Secretary of the Navy
13 Adams locks horns with the World Peace
14 Foundation, because of the way the
15 Foundation is campaigning for a little
16 navy or no navy at all.

17 Secretary Adams is quoted
18 by the Associated Press as charging
19 that the World Peace **F**oundation is
20 acting "in a manner inimicable to the
21 United States, and in a manner favorable
22 to the National Defense interest^s of
23 foreign powers."

24 It appears that the
25 foundation looked over~~x~~ the figures and

1 came out with the statement that for
2 1930 Uncle Sam spent over five hundred
3 fifty-three million dollars for his
4 navy, while John Bull spent only
5 something over two hundred forty-two
6 million dollars for his.

7 The Secretary of the Navy says
8 that's all wrong. He declares that a
9 correct interpretation of the figures
10 shows an expenditure of a little over
11 three hundred seventy-five million
12 dollars for the American fleet, and
13 nearly three hundred fifty million
14 dollars for the British fleet.

15 According to ~~this~~^{you} Uncle Samuel
16 spent only a little more than John
17 Bull for naval defense, and the difference
18 shrinks out of sight when you consider
19 the higher cost of material^s and labor
20 in this country.

21 Well, anyway, the war fleet
22 of the United States is navigating among
23 acrimonious storms just now and I bet
24 there are a few admirals and naval captains
25 who might feel more comfortable if they
were going through a battle of shell fire
and torpedoes at sea.

DISARMAMENT.

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By the way,
1 That ~~proposal~~^{proposal} of the disarmament
2 holiday seems to be put off a bit. The
3 League of Nations has extended the
4 time for the ~~nations~~^{powers} to O. K. the ~~plan~~
5 ~~proposal~~ to call off military and
6 naval increases for one year.

7 The disarmament holiday was
8 supposed to go in effect yesterday,
9 November 1st. But ~~we~~ when November
10 1st came there was not a sufficient
11 number of the countries of the world
12 in the ~~disarmament~~ line-up to put the
13 holiday into effect. So the League
14 ~~of Nations~~ has put the matter off by
15 saying: Boys, you can have a little
16 more time to send in your O.K.'s, *and be sure*
17 *and say "yes."* The International News Service
18 reports that Great Britain and France
19 and several smaller countries signified
20 their acceptance today, which brings the
21 total number of nations that have said
22 "yes" up to 35. The League of Nations
23 hopes that enough will come in to put
24 the holiday across by the time the big
25 disarmament conference gets under way
next February.

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1 There are going to be some tall
2 doings on the evening of November 17th.
3 It will be another tall-story jamboree.
4 ~~for all you tall-story tellers to listen~~
5 ~~to over the radio.~~ It's to be a nation-
6 wide affair -- firstly, because it will
7 be given over a nation-wide hook-up, and,
8 secondly, because it is to be a meeting
9 of the Interstate Tall Story Commission.
10 Representatives of various states will be
11 there, and will give us an example of the
12 way they tell whoppers in their own
13 respective communities. Various
14 celebrities of national reputation will
15 be there to glorify the Great American
16 Whopper as it flourishes in the different
17 states. And there is to be one special
18 knockout feature.

19 The champion Ananias of them all
20 will tell a ^{Tall one} ~~story~~. Who's he? Well, I
21 don't know, ~~as~~ yet, but we're going to
22 find out. We are having a competition,
23 and a winner will be selected. He will
24 be the tall-story teller who has told the
25 tallest one in that book, ^{called} "Tall Stories."

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And all of the readers of the book are requested to vote.

Just write and tell me which of the whoppers in the tall story book you think the best. We'll count up the letters, and the tall-story teller who gets the most votes will be invited to come to New York to tell his championship whopper over the air on the evening of November 17th, and I'm going to invite that champion Ananias to come to New York as my guest, and at my own expense.

The competition will close on the night of November 12th. Just pick your favorite whopper out of the tall-story book, see that your vote is mailed by midnight of Thursday, November 12th, and the winner of the competition will be crowned as Champion Ananias and will be invited to attend the meeting of the Interstate Tall Story Commission on the evening of Tuesday, November 17th.

Yes siree, a new champion will be crowned, and what a whopping celebration that will be.

1 Well, measured by ordinary
2 standards, tomorrow isn't a big day as
3 days go. But things are peculiar this
4 year, and the elections in various parts
5 of the country are likely to mean a good
6 deal.

7 In a resume of the questions the
8 voters are going to settle, the Associated
9 Press reminds us that first and foremost
10 is the problem of who is going to control
11 the House of Representatives -- the
12 Republicans or the Democrats.

13 The line-up in Congress has been
14 shifting like a regular political
15 kaleidoscope. Just now the situation is
16 -- Democrats, 214; Republicans, 213; one
17 Farmer-Laborite Congressman, and seven
18 Congressional seats vacant. Most of
19 these vacancies are normally Republican,
20 but the Democrats hope to crash through
21 and capture enough of them tomorrow to
22 give them ~~the~~ control of the Lower House.

23 The United Press points out that
24 the election in New York may have a good
25 deal of bearing on the big Presidential

1 jamboree of next year. Governor
2 Roosevelt and ex-Governor Al Smith are
3 battling over a project the present
4 Governor has of handling the forests in
5 the state. It's in the form of an
6 amendment to the state constitution, and
7 ex-Governor Smith is against it. He is
8 declaring over and over that he has no
9 personal antagonism toward Governor
10 Roosevelt, and that ^{it's} ~~is~~ just ~~a question~~
11 ~~of~~ an honest difference of opinion.

12 But the political wiseacres
13 are looking upon the election as a show
14 of strength between Messrs. Smith and
15 Roosevelt, and think that tomorrow's
16 contest will ha ve an important result
17 on the Democratic convention of 1932.

18 There's a lively gubernatorial
19 battle on in New Jersey which is expected
20 to give some indication of how New Jersey
21 will swing in the ^{next} Presidential fracas.
22 ~~of next year.~~

23 And Kentucky is having a political
24 ^{set-to} ~~campaign~~ which is said to be a humdinger.
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GERMANY

Oh yes, and Germany had a small but lively election yesterday. It was in the little state of Mecklenberg-Schwerin.

The voters chose delegates to the local legislature.

The only thing that makes the election interesting x at this distance is the fact that Handsome Adolf Hitler's Fascist party scored a surprising victory. They elected nine candidates in the town of Rostock, and seven candidates in the town of Schwerin.

At the last election in 1928 they didn't succeed in electing one single candidate at Schwerin. There success yesterday has the Socialists Schwerin and shwerin.

3 1 In France amid the battle
2 fields of the World War workmen digging
3 into the earth have found the skeleton of
4 a man riding the skeleton of a horse.
5 From bits of uniform that are left it
6 can be seen that the man was a German
7 Uhlan. *Folahn.*

8 The New York Evening Sun tells
9 us that the only explanation that seems
10 to fit the case is that a large shell
11 exploded and buried both man and horse
12 in an upright position. It seems almost
13 impossible, but how else can you explain
14 that strange fact that they have dug up
15 the skeleton of a man riding the skeleton
16 of a horse?

1 Today things were a good deal
2 more cordial on the campus of Boston
3 University. A goodly number of husky
4 young gentlemen were strutting around.
5 And the girls didn't give them the cold
6 shoulder.

7 The cold shoulder regime had been
8 on for more than a week. The fair co-eds
9 just raised their noses and walked by a
10 fellow, and gave him an icy stare. No,
11 they didn't cold-shoulder all the boys.
12 The icy stare was reserved for the members
13 of the football squad.

14 The Boston University football
15 team this year will not go down in
16 history as one of those invincible bone-
17 crushing eleven's. In fact, it was
18 having plenty of trouble in winning *one single*
19 game. Everybody was getting tired of the
20 same old story, ^{every} ~~on~~ Saturday -- THE TEAM
21 LOST AGAIN. The co-eds were particularly
22 weary of the sad news, and so they issued
23 an ultimatum -- no victory, no dates!
24 They told the members of the football
25 team that until they succeeded in winning

1 a game, why they needn't think they were
2 going to make any dates with their
3 sister students.

4 ~~And~~ And, lo and behold, the
5 cold-shoulder regime has produced
6 results, *— as it generally does.* The members of the football
7 squad squared their shoulders, stuck out
8 their jaws, and determined to do or die
9 for dear old Boston University and the
10 fair co-eds.

11 And on Saturday they won their
12 first game. They swamped Rhode Island
13 College by ~~scoring~~ a score of 25 to 7.
14 And that certainly eased the tension on
15 the Boston campus. The girls all smiled
16 on the members of the football squad, the
17 noble gridiron warriors made dates galore,
18 and all was happy and serene, *Just as happy*
19 *and serene as though they had licked Yale or*
20 *Harvard.*
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MEXICO

They are having a slight controversy down in Mexico City. It's a matter of spelling. How do you spell Mexico?

Of course, there is sometimes a bit of confusion about the pronunciation. Down below the Rio Grande is Mehico, or something like that. But we never seemed to have any doubt about the spelling. However, some people in Mexico seem to think that the name of their country should be spelled with a J in place of the X. In other words, M-e-j-i-c-o -- Mexico. I believe the idea is that the J and the X in Spanish are pronounced alike. They put in J or X, because they mean H - if you know what I mean.

Anyway, the Associated Press relates that the debate got under way today in the Mexican legislature - shall it be X or shall it be J.

Well, you can spell it any way you like, but it's still Mexico to me. And you can pronounce it anyway you like and it's still time for me to say,

SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.